Development of Sangla Valley in HP for Tourists

237. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sangla Valley in HP is blessed with unique natural charm and beauty for tourist attraction;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it has scant lodging facilities and the journey from Shimla to Sangla is taxing;

(c) whether Government propose to take steps to make this spot popular for tourists; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. During 1994-95 central financial assistance of Rs. 28.30 lakhs has been sanction for the construction of a tourist complex at Sangla and an amount of Rs. 14 lakhs has been released as first instalment to start the work on this project.

Availability of Power in Gujarat

238. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the per capita powet availability in Gujarat as compared to all India figures, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA CHIMANBHAI PATEL): The per-capita consumption of power in the State of Gujarat was 590.36 kwh against all India average of 299.0 kwh at the end of 1993-94.

Gross and Net Profit of Banks

239. SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the gross profit and net profit of the banks during the years 1982-83, 1985-86, 1986-87;

(b) what was the gross profit and net profit of the banks during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(c) the reasons for the fall, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Posting of Officers in Custom and Excise Department

240. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of Custom and Central Excise Class I officers are continuing at the same station of posting for more than ten years;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same alongwith the names of officers who are in the stations of Delhi, Madras, Bombay, Calcutta and Bangalore; and

(c) by when these officers would be transferred out as per policy of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.